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REFS A. SHER 250 (IN 18353)
B. LINC 3890 (IN 18334)
C. LINC 3908 (IN 18452)

1. THREE F-47S ORDERED BY ODUNIT TO SOMERSET MORNING 16 JUNE. PLANES TO BE FLOWN BY [] AND ACCOMPANIED BY ONE C-47 ACTING AS NAVIGATOR PLANE. C-47 WILL CARRY AMMO TO PERMIT COMBAT LOADING OF F-47S UPON ARRIVAL AND MAY CARRY MINOR SPARES. [] WILL RETURN PR IN C-47. SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO WEATHER BUT LATEST REPORT INDICATES NO ~~WYTH~~ HITCH. ACCORDINGLY ASSUME FLIGHT BEING MADE TODAY 16 JUNE OR LATEST TOMORROW.

2. ODUNIT HAS BEEN BUSY FOR FIVE DAYS COLLECTING SPARES AND WILL AIRLIFT IN FIVE C-54 CARGOS SOONEST. FIRST SCHEDULE ARRIVE SOMERSET 17 JUNE AND WILL CARRY QUALIFIED F-47 ODUNIT MAINTENANCE MEN.

3. KMFLUSH AMBASSADOR FINALLY PUT UP CASH FOR DOWN PAYMENT EVENING 15 JUNE. BALANCE RAISED THROUGH PRIVATE BANK LOAN ON KMFLUSH LETTER OF CREDIT. THIS JOB OF BREAKING FINANCIAL BOTTLENECK DONE WITH MAGNIFICENT ENERGY BY ODACID SPECIAL ASSISTANT WHO DESERVES MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR THE

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BEST JOB OF RED TAPE CUTTING I HAVE SEEN IN YEARS.

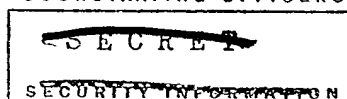
4. DESPITE ABOVE FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS QUESTION WHETHER LINC SHOULD COUNT ON COMBAT READINESS OF PLANES SOONER THAN 24 HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL. UNDERSTAND WILL BE NECESSARY REMOVE LONG RANGE TANKS AND PERFORM SOME MAINTENANCE AFTER LONG FLIGHT. ON THIS BASIS PLANES MAY NOT BE ^{COMBAT} READY BEFORE 19 JUNE WHICH CONFIRMS PAR 1B OF REF C.

5. DESPITE REF A WE ARE STILL WORRIED AT PROSPECT THAT ODUNIT PERSONNEL WILL MAINTAIN PLANES AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN SOLD PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL AND ARE BEING EMPLOYED ON BEHALF OF CALLIGERIS. AGREE PLAUSIBLE THAT ODUNIT ~~MECH~~ MECHS SHOULD PUT PLANES IN GOOD CONDITION FOR [] PRIOR THEIR SALE TO [] BUT SEE NO POSSIBLE JUSTIFICATION FOR FURTHER SERVICING AFTER SALE CONCLUDED. ACCORDINGLY, CONTRARY TO REF B WE DO NOT SEE WHY ODUNIT MECHS SHOULD REMAIN SOMERSET MORE THAN FEW DAYS. IN ANY EVENT REQUEST BY [] PROPOSED REF B UNNECESSARY IN VIEW ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE.

END OF MESSAGE

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